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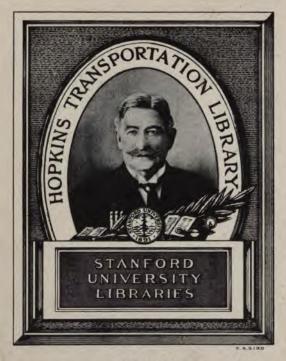
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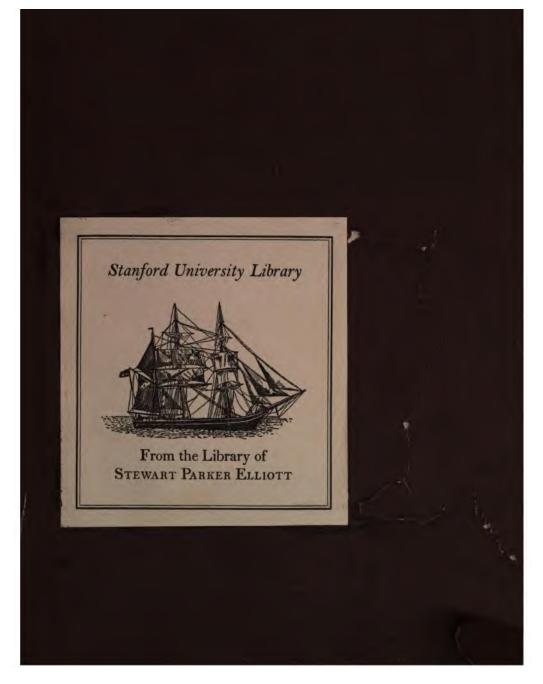




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The breaking waves dashed high On a stern and rock-bound coast, And the woods against a stormy sky Their giant branches toss'd.

And the heavy night hung dark
The hals and water o'er,
When a band of exiles moored their bark
On the wild New England shore.

Not as the conqueror comes, They, the true-hearted, came; Not with the roll of the stirring drums, And the trumpet that sings of fame;

Not as the flying come, In silence and in fear;— They shook the depths of the desert gloom With their hymns of lofty cheer!

Amidst the storm they sang, And the stars heard and the sea; And the sounding aisles of the dim woods rang To the anthem of the free!

The ocean-eagle soared
From his nest by the white wave's foam;
And the rocking pines of the forest roared—

This was their welcome home!
There were men with hoary hair
Amidst that pilgrim-band; —
Why had they come to wither there,
Away from their childhood's land?

There was woman's fearless eye,
Lit by her deep love's truth;
There was manhood's brow screnely high,

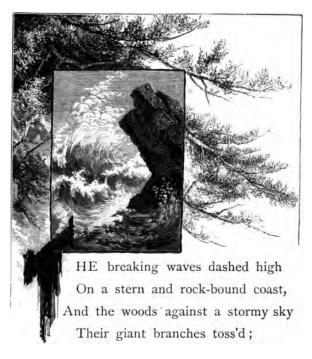
And the fiery heart of youth.

What sought they thus afar?
Bright jewels of the mine?

The wealth of seas, the spoils of war? —
They sought a faith's pure shrine!
Ay, call it holy ground,
The soil where first they trod;

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They have left unstained what there they found —
Freedom to worship God.

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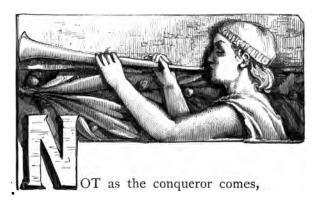
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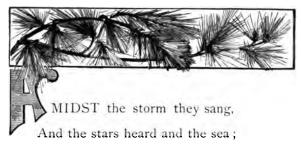
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